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Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Record of Decisions

At its 5th meeting, the Committee took the following decisions under item 9 of the agenda, "Organization of the 2010 Review Conference".

Dates and venue

Taking into account the developments resulting from the Capital Master Plan (CMP) regarding the availability of conference services and facilities, the Committee decided to hold the Review Conference in New York from 3 to 28 May 2010.

Draft rules of procedure

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Conference the draft rules of procedure contained in document NPT/CONF.2010/PC.III/CRP.1.[1]

Election of President of the Conference and other officers

The Committee endorsed the candidacy of Libran N. Cabactulan, from the Republic of the Philippines, for the Presidency of the 2010 Review Conference.

The Committee agreed to recommend that Main Committees should be chaired by the Chairmen of the consecutive sessions of the Preparatory Committee, or their successors, as follows: Main Committee I should be chaired by a representative of the Group of Non-Aligned and Other States, i.e. the Chairman of the third session of the Preparatory Committee; Main Committee II should be chaired by a representative of the Group of Eastern European States, i.e. the Chairman of the second session of the Preparatory Committee; and Main Committee III should be chaired by a representative of the Western Group, i.e. the Chairman of the first session of the Preparatory Committee. The Committee also agreed to recommend that the post of Chairman of the Drafting Committee be assumed by a representative of the Group of Eastern European States, and the post of Chairman of the Credential Committee by a representative of the Group of Non-Aligned and Other States.

[1] In accordance with the previous practice, the draft rules of procedure will be annexed to the report of the Preparatory Committee.

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Appointment of the Secretary-General

The Committee noted the decision of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, taken after consultations with the members of the Preparatory Committee, to nominate Thomas Markram, Senior Political Affairs Officer, Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, Office for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, to serve as provisional Secretary-General of the 2010 Review Conference.

Provisional agenda

The Committee agreed to adopt the draft provisional agenda of the 2010 Review Conference, as contained in document NPT/CONF.2010/PC.III/CRP.3.[2]

Financing of the Review Conference, including its Preparatory Committee

The Committee agreed to the schedule for the division of costs contained in the appendix to the draft rules of procedure.

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At its 12th meeting, the Committee took the following decisions under item 9 of the agenda, "Organization of the 2010 Review Conference".

Draft rules of procedure

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Conference that, notwithstanding rule 44.3 of the draft rules of procedure recommended to the Conference, specialized agencies and international and regional intergovernmental organizations be invited to make oral presentations to the Conference upon the decision of the Conference, on a case-by-case basis.

Furthermore, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Conference that, in accordance with the draft rules of procedure, representatives of non-governmental organizations be allowed to attend meetings, other than those designated as closed, and to receive documents of the Conference; that, in accordance with past practice, non-governmental organizations be allowed to make written material available, at their own expense, to the participants of the Conference; and that non-governmental organizations be allowed to address the Conference, consistent with the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference.

Election of President of the Conference and other officers

The Committee authorized its Bureau and the President-Elect to handle technical and other organizational matters, as well as to carry out consultations with States parties in the period before the Conference. It also decided that the Chairman of the third session should open the Conference.

[2] In accordance with the previous practice, the provisional agenda will be annexed to the report of the Preparatory Committee.

Background documentation

The Committee decided to invite the Secretary-General to prepare the documentation as outlined in document NPT/CONF.2010/PC.III/CRP.5*[3]

Final document(s)

The Committee recommended deferment of consideration of this item to the 2010 Review Conference.

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At its 12th meeting, the Committee also took the following decision:

Allocation of items to Main Committees

The Committee decided on the allocation of items to Main Committees as contained in document NPT/CONF.2010/PC.III/CRP.6 to the Review Conference.[4]

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At its 14th meeting, the Committee took the following decision:

Participation

The Committee decided that invitations to States which, in accordance with the decision on participation, were entitled to participate in the Conference, as well as invitations to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, should be issued by the Chairman of the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

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[3] The content of CRP.5* will be annexed to the report of the Preparatory Committee.
[4] The content of CRP.6 will be annexed to the report of the Preparatory Committee.